

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-066

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(145)

Piney Grove, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

1767 (monument)

1902 (first set, new site)

Milestone No. ---(145) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 2600 feet west of the monument/mound on Town Hill ridge. It is an original milestone of 1767, is in fair condition, probably unaltered, and stands about 1 foot above ground level, at a new site added to the Line where it was first set in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is an embellished oolitic limestone post, quarried and carved in England, and is believed/^{to have been} among those found by the Resurvey in the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, where left unused at the time of the Mason and Dixon survey. On the national and state levels, this milestone is significant primarily as one of 135 original/^{Mason and Dixon} monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments remaining on the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(145) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO.---(1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 145)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of West Shipley Road/T-316

CITY, TOWN

Piney Grove ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE**PUBLIC ACQUISITION****ACCESSIBLE**☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ not applicable☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE AL-IA-066 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (145) marks a point ^{on Mason and Dixon's West Line} about 2600 feet west of the preceding monument and mound on the ridge of Town Hill. It is an original milestone of 1767, is in fair condition, ^{probably} ~~unaltered~~, and stands about 1 foot above ground at a new ^{additional} site on the Line where it was first set in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is on the west slope of Town Hill, very sparsely settled, with a large evergreen ^{tree} farm on the south, and ^{otherwise surrounded by} dense deciduous forested lands. The site is within Election District 1 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Township of Bedford County, PA; about 1 1/4 miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Piney Grove, MD; at a point about 1150 feet west of West Shipley Road/T-316 ^{at the Line} and about 10 feet south of the old pipeline, against (on the north side of) an old wire fence/dogwood tree fencerow. It cannot be seen from the road, nor ^{easily from the} pipeline except when vegetation is dormant; and seems protected by the fence, ^{its obscurity} and its remoteness.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post, originally with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. It was ^{presumably} brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, by the Resurvey and added to this new site in order to more clearly define the West Line in this area. Its condition is only fair; all surfaces are quite ^{chipped and} weathered; the letters P and M do not match, suggesting either or both may have been reworked; some fluting and bits of margins remain; the top planes and fluting are gone, and top corners chipped, especially the whole top east edge. It is firmly set, now measures about 12 1/2 inches wide on the north and south sides, and about 11 inches on the east and west sides.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (monument) **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 1902 (first set, new site) **SURVEYORS**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ----(145) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The area was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, but ^{this new site} not monumented until 1902, during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments of 1767 marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ----(145) is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

quadrangle name: Artemas (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 72365, northing 439997

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

9/19/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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N65' MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MARKER SURVEY 1979-81
(MD-PA BOUNDARY)

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ARTEMAS QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE

1950 PHOTO REV. 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

410 000 FEET (MD.)

78°22'30"

5363 IV SE
(AMARANTH)

ALLEGANY CO

(22)



722

723

39°45'

4403

700 000 FEET
(MD.)

(144) MOUND OF EARTH
(ORIG. MED. CROWNSTONE)

(145) —: —:

(MED SET 1902)

(146) —: —:

(MED SET 1902)

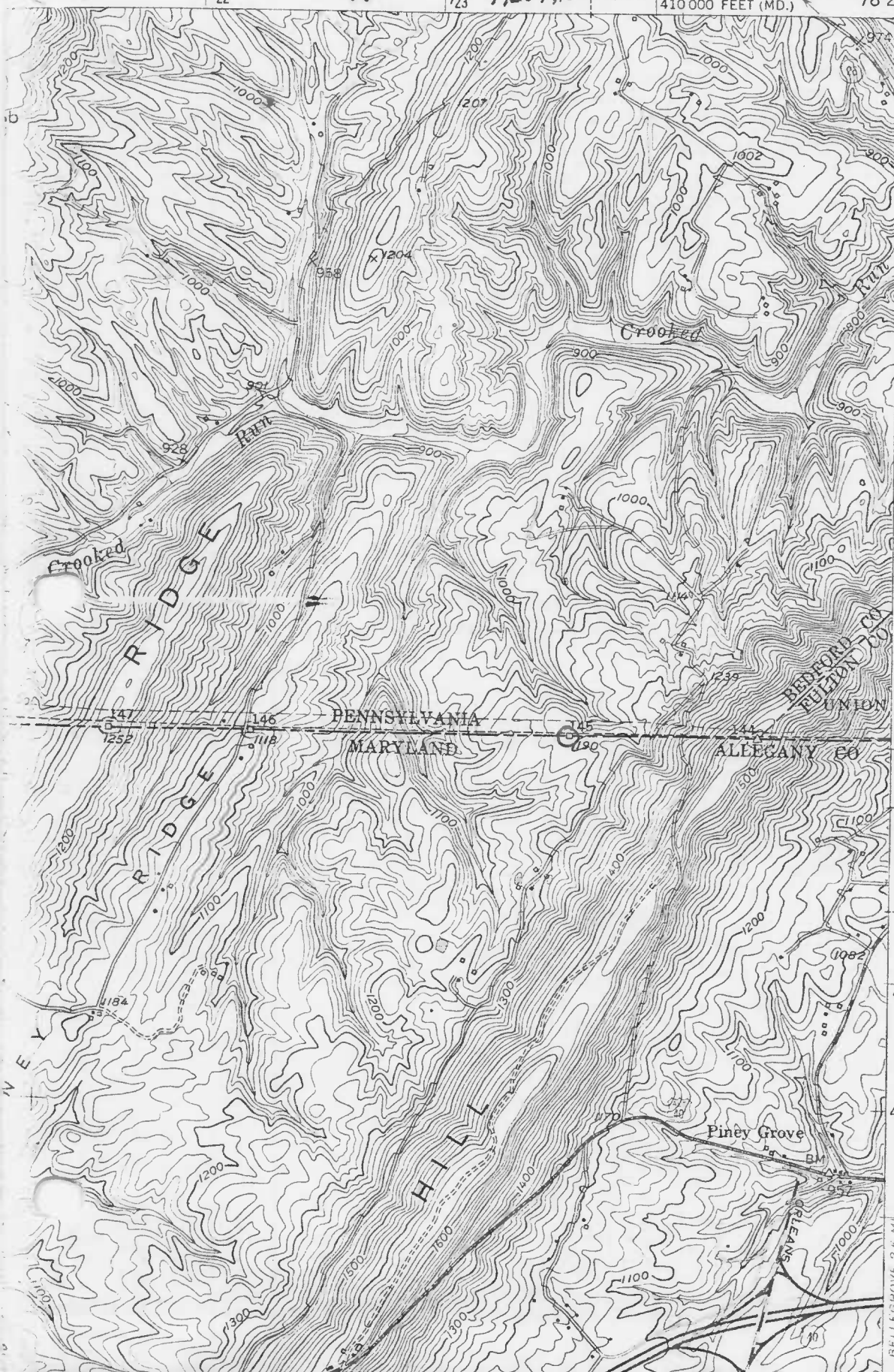
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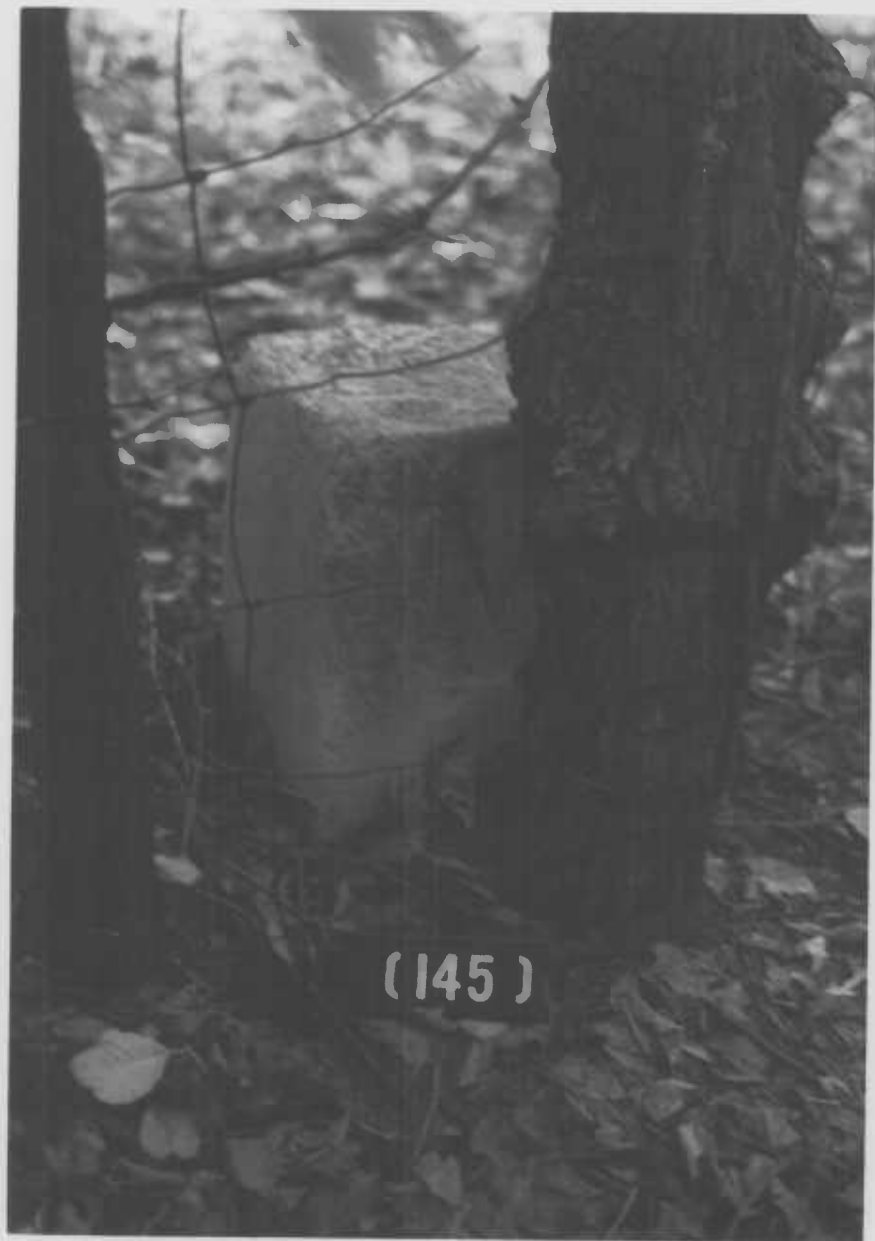
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BELLE GROVE 26 MI
HAGERSTOWN 40 MI





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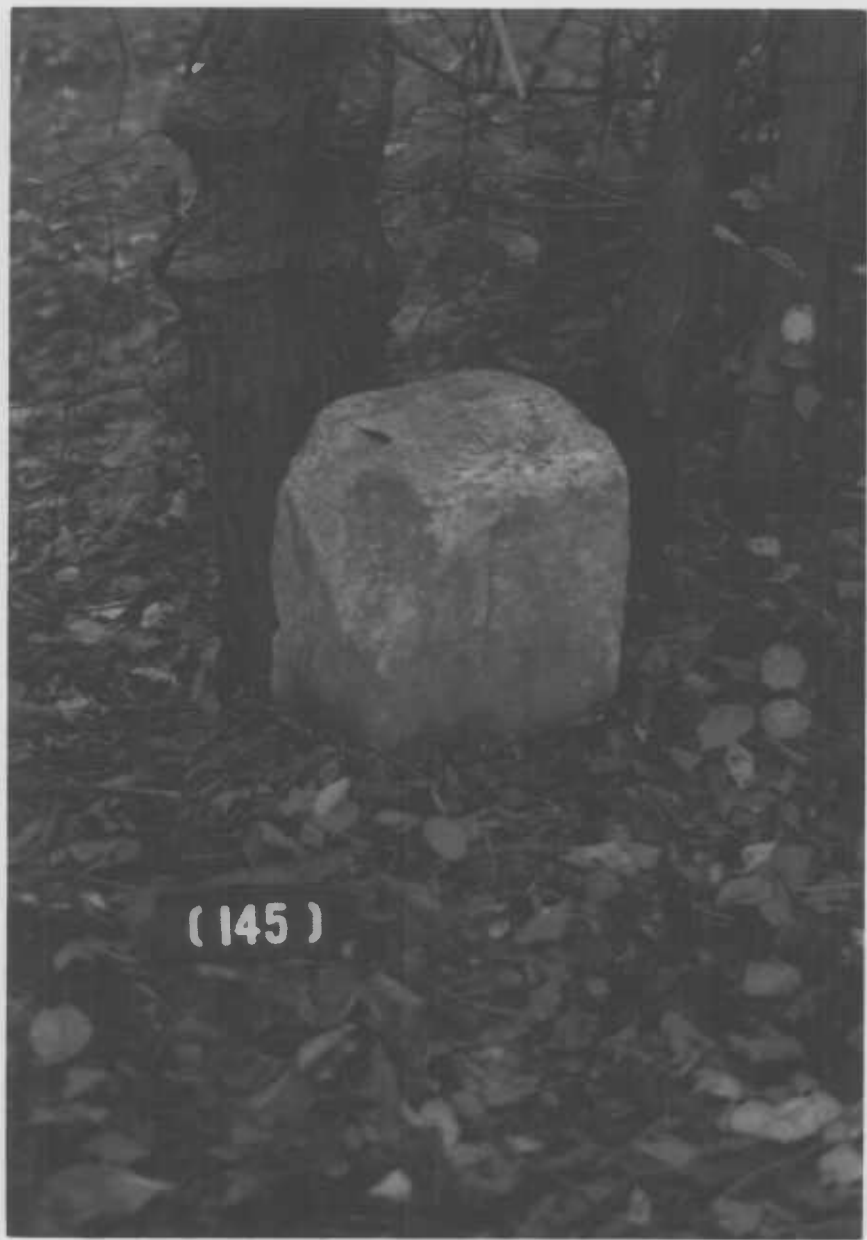
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HASSEN & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (145)

ORIGINAL (1967, FIRST SET 1902)

SW CORNER (-14)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/19/81 (1981.34.15A)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (145)
ORIGINAL (1767, FIRST SET 1902)
NE CORNER (-/P)

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